EXHIBIT 1

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND

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) CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT
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INTRODUCTION

1. The Representative Plaintiffs Artur Andrade, Julia Andrade, and Norman J. Dubois, Jr., on behalf of themselves and all others so similarly situated, bring this action as described in the paragraphs set forth herein. The Representative Plaintiffs seek damages for breach of contract as Defendants failed to foreclose and sell in a manner prescribed by applicable law in breach of Defendants obligations pursuant to those mortgages. The Representative Plaintiffs also seek declaratory judgments that foreclosures and mortgagee's foreclosure sales conducted by Defendants are in violation of R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1, in violation of a cease and desist order of the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation's Division of Banking and are void.

2. The Representative Plaintiffs herein pray this Honorable Court find that the Defendants are in Breach of Contract, in violation of R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1, in violation of a cease and desist order of the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation Division of Banking, and that foreclosures and mortgagee sales of the Representative Plaintiffs and class members mortgages and properties be declared void. The Representatives also request; that the Defendants be enjoined from further conveyance of the properties of the Representative Plaintiffs and class members; that the foreclosures and sales of the Representative Plaintiffs and class members mortgages and properties be rescinded; and award the Representative Plaintiffs and class members damages for Defendants misconduct.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 3. The events giving rise to the claims stated herein occurred in the District of Rhode Island and this venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b)(2) and 1391.
- 4. Venue is proper in this Honorable Court in that this Court has authority to issue declaratory and injunctive relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202 and Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 57.
- 5. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 23(a)(1), this complaint is a putative class action in which the class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable.
- 6. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 23(b)(1), there are questions of law and fact common to the class.
- 7. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 23(a)(3), the claims or defenses of the Representative Plaintiffs are typical of the claims or defenses of the class.
- 8. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 23(a)(4), the Representative Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class.

- 9. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 23(b)(1)(A)&(B), prosecuting separate actions by or against individual class members would create a risk of: (A) inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual class members that would establish incompatible standards of conduct for the party opposing the class; and (B) adjudications with respect to individual class members that, as a practical matter, would be dispositive of the interests of the other members not parties to the individual adjudications and may substantially impair or impede their ability to protect their interests.
- 10. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 23(b)(2), the party opposing the class has acted or refused to act on grounds that apply generally to the class, so that final injunctive relief or corresponding declaratory relief is appropriate respecting the class as a whole.
- 11. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 23(b)(3), the questions of law or fact common to class members predominate over any questions affecting only individual members, and a class action is superior to other available methods for fairly and efficiently adjudicating the controversy.
- 12. Plaintiff and members of the class claim ownership of their rightful property and seek to clear their titles of all illegal encumbrances pursuant to the provisions of Rhode Island General Laws § 34-16-4.
- 13. Plaintiffs and members of the class claim a judicial determination pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 9-30-2 whether the deed to their properties are affected by any conveyance of another person in each of their chain of title

PARTIES

14. Representative Plaintiffs Artur Andrade and Julia Andrade, on behalf of themselves and all those so similarly situated, are citizens of Rhode Island and are the former owners of 109-111 West Lawn Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02860, which is the subject property as noted herein.

- 15. Representative Plaintiff, Norman J. Dubois, Jr., on behalf of himself and all those so similarly situated, is a citizen of Rhode Island and is the former owner of 31 Borden Street, East Providence, RI 02915 which is the one of the subject properties referenced herein.
- 16. Defendant Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC (Ocwen) is a mortgage loan servicer with headquarters located at 1661 Worthington Road, Suite100, West Palm Beach, FL 33409.
- 17. Defendant HSBC BANK USA, N.A. (HSBC) is a banking related services company, headquartered at 1800 Tysons Blvd, Suite 50, Mc Lean, VA 22102. HSBC Bank USA, N.A. is the trustee for the Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-HL1.
- 18. Defendant, Deutsche Bank Savings Fund Society, FSB as trustee for Argent Securities, Inc. Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates 2006-M2 (Deutsche Bank), is located at 300 South Grand Avenue, 41st Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071.
- 19. At all times herein mentioned, Defendants, Ocwen and HSBC both individually and collectively, are and were agents and/or joint venturers of each other, and in doing the acts alleged herein were acting within the course and scope of such agency.
- 20. Defendants, Ocwen and HSBC had actual and/or constructive knowledge of the acts of the other as described herein, and ratified, approved, joined in, acquiesced in, and/or authorized the acts of the other, and/or retained the benefits of said acts.
- 21. At all times herein mentioned, Defendants, Ocwen and Deutsche Bank both individually and collectively, are and were agents and/or joint venturers of each other, and in doing the acts alleged herein were acting within the course and scope of such agency.
- 22. Defendants, Ocwen and Deutsche Bank had actual and/or constructive knowledge of the acts of the other as described herein, and ratified, approved, joined in, acquiesced in, and/or authorized the acts of the other, and/or retained the benefits of said acts.

ALLEGATIONS OF THE ANDRADE REPRESENTATIVE PLAINTIFFS

- 23. The Andrade Representative Plaintiffs¹ repeat and re-allege every allegation above as if set forth herein in full.
- 24. The Representative Plaintiffs bring this action on their own behalf and on behalf of all others so similarly situated.
- 25. On December 5, 2006, the Representative Plaintiffs were granted the subject property at 109-111 West Lawn Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02860. The deed evidencing said conveyance was recorded in the City of Pawtucket, Clerk's Office, Land Evidence Records in Book 2779 at Page 111 on December 11, 2006.
- 26. On December 5, 2006, the Representative Plaintiffs executed a mortgage and note both in the amount of Three Hundred Thirty Two Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 (\$332,500.00) Dollars, to Option One Mortgage Corporation as Lender and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) as Mortgagee. Said mortgage was secured against the subject property and recorded in the City of Pawtucket, Clerk's Office, Land Evidence Records in Book 2779 at Page 113 on December 11, 2006. ("The Andrade Mortgage").
- 27. The Andrade Mortgage states at paragraph 21, in pertinent part as follows;
 - 21. Acceleration; Remedies. ...If Lender invokes the STATUTORY POWER OF SALE, Lender shall mail a copy of a notice of sale to Borrower as provided in paragraph 14. Lender shall publish the notice of sale, and the Property shall be sold in the manner prescribed by Applicable Law. Lender or its designee may purchase the Property at any sale. The proceeds of the sale shall be applied in

¹ Specifically referring to Representative Plaintiffs Artur and Julia Andrade whom hereinafter in this section of the Amended Complaint are referred to as "Representative Plaintiffs" when not recognized in their individual capacities.

the following order: (a) to all expenses of the sale, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees; (b) to all sums secured by this Security Instrument; and (c) any excess to the person or persons legally entitled to it.

(Emphasis Added).

- 28. On November 18, 2009, Sand Canyon Corporation (formerly known as Option One Mortgage Corporation) purportedly assigned the Andrade Mortgage to HSBC Bank USA, N.A. as trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-HL1. Said assignment was recorded in the City of Pawtucket Clerk's Office Land Evidence Records in Book 3204 at Page 51 on November 20, 2009.
- 29. Subsequently, Ocwen became the servicer of the Andrade Mortgage.
- 30. On July 1, 2015, R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1 became effective. Said statute requires that all third party residential mortgage servicers be licensed by the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation Division of Banking. R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1 states;
 - \S 19-14.11-1 License required. [Effective July 1, 2015.]. (a) No person shall act as a third-party loan servicer, directly or indirectly, for a loan to a Rhode Island borrower without first obtaining a license under this chapter from the director or the director's designee.
 - (b) No license shall be required of:
 - (1) A depository institution, or an affiliate or subsidiary of a depository institution, that is controlled by, or under common control with, the depository institution and subject to the regulatory authority of the primary regulator of the depository institution.
 - (2) A lender licensed under chapter 14 of title 19 that retains the servicing rights on a loan originally closed in the lender's name and subsequently sold, in whole or in part, to a third party, provided that the provisions of §§ 19-14.11-2 (segregated accounts) and 19-14.11-4 (prohibited acts and practices) of this chapter shall apply to such lender.

- (3) A debt-management company licensed in this state when engaged in activities permitted pursuant to its debt-management license.
- (4) An attorney licensed in this state when collecting a debt on behalf of a client.
- (5) Bona-fide nonprofit, organizations, exempt from taxation under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, that are approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development as housing counseling agencies; that have a physical location in Rhode Island; and that lend state or federal funds.
- 31. On or about April 7, 2017, Ocwen, acting as third party servicer on behalf of HSBC, caused to be sent to the Representative Plaintiffs a Notice of Mortgagee Foreclosure Sale. Said Notice of Mortgagee Foreclosure Sale stated a sale date of June 1, 2017. Ocwen also caused to be published said notice.
- 32. The Representative Plaintiffs allege that on from July 1, 2015 through September 28, 2017, including on April 7, 2017, Ocwen was not a licensed third party servicer in the State of Rhode Island pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1.
- 33. On April 20, 2017, The Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation, Division of Banking issued an Emergency Order pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-35-14(c) directing Ocwen to immediately cease and desist from all unlicensed activity in the State of Rhode Island, including without limitation, acting as a third party loan servicer. (See: Exhibit 1; Consent Order Id. at ¶23(c)).
- 34. On June 1, 2017, Ocwen, acting as third party mortgage servicer for HSBC foreclosed the Andrade Mortgage and sold the subject property at mortgagee's foreclosure sale. Such action is in violation of R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1, in violation of and in blatant disregard for the Emergency Order and is void, invalid, and without force and effect.

- Order², caused a foreclosure deed (Exhibit 2) to be recorded in the City of Pawtucket Clerk's Office Land Evidence Records in Book 4111 at Page 192. Such action is in violation of R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1, in violation of and in blatant disregard for the Emergency Order and is void, invalid, and without force and effect.
- 36. The Representative Plaintiffs further allege that the foreclosure and sale are in breach of paragraph 21 of the Andrade Mortgage which requires that the property secured by the Andrade Mortgage be sold in a manner prescribed by applicable law. As all actions of Ocwen in foreclosing and conducting mortgagee's foreclosure sale are in violation of R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1 and the Emergency Order, Ocwen and HSBC failed their obligation to the Representative Plaintiffs to ensure that those actions were conducted in a manner prescribed by applicable law thus breaching the Andrade Mortgage and for failing to first comply with the terms of the mortgage prior to exercising the power of sale.
- 37. As such, the notice, publication, foreclosure and sale are in violation of R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1, in violation of the Emergency Order, and in breach of the terms of paragraph 21 of the Andrade Mortgage contract due to Defendants failure to foreclose and sell in the manner prescribed by Applicable Law. Therefore, the foreclosure and sale are void, invalid, and without force or effect.

² Ocwen entered into a Consent Order with the R.I. Department of Business Regulation Division of Banking on September 29, 2017, granting them License to act as a third party servicer pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1. (See: Exhibit 1).

ALLEGATIONS OF THE DUBOIS REPRESENTATIVE PLAINTIFF

- 38. The Dubois Representative Plaintiff³ repeats and re-alleges every allegation above as if set forth herein in full.
- 39. The Representative Plaintiff brings this action on his own behalf and on behalf of all others so similarly situated.
- 40. On August 16, 2002, the Representative Plaintiff was conveyed the subject property. The Deed granting the property to the Representative Plaintiff was recorded in the East Providence Clerk's Office Land Evidence Records in Book 1803, at page 146 on August 19, 2002.
- 41. On June 30, 2006, the Representative Plaintiff executed a promissory note and mortgage deed in the sum of Two Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$265,500.00) in favor of Argent Mortgage Company, LLC. ("Dubois Mortgage/Note"). The Dubois Mortgage was recorded in the East Providence Clerk's Office Land Evidence Records in Book 2691, at Page 194 on July 7, 2006.
- 42. The Dubois Mortgage states at paragraph 22 as follows;
 - 22. Acceleration; Remedies. Lender shall give notice to Borrower prior to acceleration following Borrower's breach of any covenant or agreement in this Security Instrument...The notice shall specify: (a) the default; (b) the action required to cure the default; (c) a date, not less than 30 days from the date the notice is given to Borrower, by which the default must be cured; and (d) that failure to cure the default on or before the date specified in the notice may result in acceleration of the sums secured by this Security Instrument and sale of the Property. The notice shall further inform Borrower of the right to reinstate after acceleration and the right to bring a court action to assert the non-existence of a default or any other defense of Borrower to acceleration and sale. If the default is not cured on or before the date specified in the notice, Lender at its option may require immediate payment in full of all sums secured by this Security Instrument without further demand and may invoke the STATUTORY POWER OF SALE and any other remedies

³ Specifically referring to Representative Plaintiff Norman J. Dubois, Jr., who hereinafter in this section of the Amended Complaint is referred to as "Representative Plaintiff" when not recognized in his individual capacity.

permitted by Applicable Law. Lender shall be entitled to collect all expenses incurred in pursuing the remedies provided in this Section 22, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of title evidence.

If Lender invokes the STATUTORY POWER OF SALE, Lender shall mail a copy of a notice of sale to Borrower as provided in Section 15. Lender shall publish the notice of sale, and the Property shall be sold in the manner prescribed by Applicable Law. Lender or its designee may purchase the Property at any sale. The proceeds of the sale shall be applied in the following order: (a) to all expenses of the sale, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees; (b) to all sums secured by this Security Instrument; and (c) any excess to the person or persons legally entitled to it.

(Emphasis added).

- 43. On January 20, 2009, Argent Mortgage Company, LLC purportedly assigned the subject mortgage to Deutsche Bank. Said purported assignment was recorded in the East Providence Clerk's Office Land Evidence Records in Book 3040 Page 30 on February 25, 2009.
- 44. Subsequently, Ocwen became the servicer of the Dubois Mortgage.
- 45. On July 1, 2015, R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1 became effective. Said statute requires that all third party residential mortgage servicers be licensed by the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation Division of Banking. R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1 states;
 - § 19-14.11-1 License required. [Effective July 1, 2015.]. (a) No person shall act as a third-party loan servicer, directly or indirectly, for a loan to a Rhode Island borrower without first obtaining a license under this chapter from the director or the director's designee.
 - (b) No license shall be required of:
 - (1) A depository institution, or an affiliate or subsidiary of a depository institution, that is controlled by, or under common control with, the depository institution and subject to the regulatory authority of the primary regulator of the depository institution.

- (2) A lender licensed under chapter 14 of title 19 that retains the servicing rights on a loan originally closed in the lender's name and subsequently sold, in whole or in part, to a third party, provided that the provisions of §§ 19-14.11-2 (segregated accounts) and 19-14.11-4 (prohibited acts and practices) of this chapter shall apply to such lender.
- (3) A debt-management company licensed in this state when engaged in activities permitted pursuant to its debt-management license.
- (4) An attorney licensed in this state when collecting a debt on behalf of a client.
- (5) Bona-fide nonprofit, organizations, exempt from taxation under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, that are approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development as housing counseling agencies; that have a physical location in Rhode Island; and that lend state or federal funds.
- 46. On April 20, 2017, The Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation, Division of Banking issued an Emergency Order pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-35-14(c) directing Ocwen to immediately cease and desist from all unlicensed activity in the State of Rhode Island, including without limitation, acting as a third party loan servicer. (See: Exhibit 1; Consent Order Id. at ¶23(c)).
- 47. On or about August 4, 2017, Ocwen, acting as third party servicer on behalf of Deutsche Bank, caused to be sent to the Representative Plaintiff a Notice of Mortgagee Foreclosure Sale. Said Notice of Mortgagee Foreclosure Sale stated a sale date of September 26, 2017. Ocwen also caused to be published said notice.
- 48. The Representative Plaintiff alleges that from July, 2015 through September 28, 2017, including on August 4, 2017, Ocwen was not a licensed third party servicer in the State of Rhode Island pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1 and on August 4, 2017, Ocwen was under an Order of the

Division of Banking to cease and desist from all unlicensed activity in the State of Rhode Island, including without limitation, acting as a third party loan servicer.

- 49. On September 26, 2017, Ocwen, acting as third party mortgage servicer for Deutsche Bank foreclosed the Dubois Mortgage and sold the subject property at mortgagee's foreclosure sale.
- 50. The Representative Plaintiff alleges that on September 26, 2017, Ocwen was not a licensed third party servicer in the State of Rhode Island pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1 and was under an Order of the Division of Banking to cease and desist from all unlicensed activity in the State of Rhode Island, including without limitation, acting as a third party loan servicer.
- 51. Such action is in violation of R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1, in violation of and in blatant disregard for the Emergency Order issued by the Division of Banking, and in breach of the Dubois Mortgage at paragraph 22 for failure to foreclose and sell in a manner prescribed by Applicable Law.
- 52. The Representative Plaintiff further alleges that the foreclosure and sale are in breach of paragraph 22 of the Dubois Mortgage which requires that the property secured by the Dubois Mortgage be sold in a manner prescribed by applicable law. As all actions of Ocwen in foreclosing and conducting mortgagee's foreclosure sale are in violation of R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1 and the Emergency Order, Ocwen and Deutsche Bank failed their obligation to the Representative Plaintiff to ensure that those actions were conducted in a manner prescribed by applicable law thus breaching the Dubois Mortgage and for failing to first comply with the terms of the mortgage prior to exercising the power of sale.
- 53. As such, the notice, publication, foreclosure and sale are in violation of R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1, in violation of the Emergency Order, and in breach of the terms of paragraph 22 of the Dubois Mortgage contract due to Defendants failure to foreclose and sell in the manner prescribed

by Applicable Law. Therefore, the foreclosure and sale are void, invalid, and without force or effect.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

- 54. The Representative Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege every allegation above as if set forth herein in full.
- 55. Plaintiffs bring this action as a Class Action pursuant to R.I. R. Civ. P. Rule 23.
- 56. The Representative Plaintiffs sue on behalf of themselves and all homeowners or former homeowners wherein Defendants; (1) completed foreclosure of the Representative Plaintiffs and Class Members mortgages and/or mortgagee sales of the Representative Plaintiffs and Class Members properties; (2) between July 1, 2015 through September 28, 2017; (3) in violation of R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1; (4) and in breach of the terms of the Representative Plaintiffs and Class Members mortgages by failing to foreclose and sell in the manner prescribed by Applicable Law.
- 57. The Representative Plaintiffs sue on behalf of themselves and all homeowners or former homeowners wherein Defendants; (1) attempted foreclosure of Class Members Mortgages and/or mortgagee sales of Class Members properties; (2) between July 1, 2015 through September 28, 2017; (3) in violation of R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1; (4) and in breach of the terms of Class Members mortgages by failing to foreclose and sell in the manner prescribed by Applicable Law.
- 58. The gravity of harm to the Representative Plaintiffs and members of the class resulting from the Defendants wrongdoing outweighs any conceivable reasons, justifications and/or motives of said Defendants for engaging in such unfair acts and practices.
- 59. Defendants conduct was unfair, oppressive, and contrary to public policy and the generally recognized standards applicable to the consumer lending business.

- 60. The Representative Plaintiffs and members of the class suffered quantifiable damages such as loss of equity in their homes, money spent on funding bankruptcy, legal defense of foreclosure and eviction, and moving and relocation expenses.
- 61. The Representative Plaintiffs and members of the class have suffered general damages such as loss of property interest, negative impact to credit ratings, loss of their homes, lost opportunities to rectify their situations through loss mitigation and mediation of their mortgage delinquencies, and extreme mental and emotional distress.
- 62. The Representative Plaintiffs and members of the class seek actual, exemplary, punitive, and monetary damages.
- 63. The Representative Plaintiffs claim on behalf of themselves and all others so similarly situated that the Defendant's breach of mortgage contracts, violation of R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1, violation of the Emergency Order issued by the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation Division of Banking ordering that Ocwen immediately cease and desist all unlicensed activity as a third party loan servicer, and breaches of contract for failure to foreclose and sell in the manner prescribed by Applicable Law pursuant to those mortgages, are the direct causes of the harms alleged herein.
- 64. Excluded from the class are governmental entities, the Defendants, their affiliates and subsidiaries, the Defendants current employees and current or former officers, directors, agents, representatives, their family members, the members of this Court and its staff.
- 65. The Representative Plaintiffs do not know the exact size or identities of the members of the class, since such information is in the exclusive control of Defendants. The Representative Plaintiffs believe that the class encompasses hundreds of individuals whose identities can be

readily ascertained from Defendants books and records. Therefore, the class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. (i.e. Numerosity).

- 66. The Representative Plaintiffs and all members of the class have been subject to and affected by the <u>same conduct</u>.
- 67. The <u>questions of law and fact are common to the class</u> and <u>predominate over any questions</u> affecting only individual members of the class. (i.e. Commonality).
- 68. The claims of the Representative Plaintiffs are <u>typical of the claims of the class</u> and do not conflict with the interests of any other members of the class in that the Representative Plaintiffs and the other members of the class were subject to the same conduct. (i.e. Typicality).
- 69. The Representative Plaintiffs will <u>fairly</u> and <u>adequately represent the interests of the class</u> as a whole. The Representative Plaintiffs are committed to the vigorous prosecution of the class claims and have retained attorneys who are qualified to pursue this litigation and have experience in class actions in particular, wrongful foreclosure actions. (i.e. Adequacy).
- 70. A Class Action is superior to other methods for the fast and efficient adjudication of this controversy. A class action regarding the issues in this case does not create any problems of manageability.
- 71. The Defendants have acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the class, thereby making appropriate final injunctive relief or corresponding declaratory relief with respect to the class as a whole.
- 72. The questions of law or fact common to the members of the class predominate over any questions affecting only individual members, and that a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy.

- 73. It is not in the best interest of members of the class to individually control the prosecution or defense of separate actions.
- 74. The specific extent and nature of any litigation concerning the controversy already commenced by or against members of the class is minimal.
- 75. It is desirable to concentrate the litigation of the claims in this particular forum.
- 76. There are little to no difficulties likely to be encountered in the management of a classification.

COUNT I DECLARATORY JUDGMENT § 9-30, et seq.

- 77. The Representative Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege every allegation above as if set forth herein in full.
- 78. The Representative Plaintiffs bring these claims on behalf of themselves and all others so similarly situated.
- 79. On July 1, 2015, R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1 became effective. Said statute requires that all third party residential mortgage servicers be licensed by the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation Division of Banking. R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1 states;
 - § 19-14.11-1 License required. [Effective July 1, 2015.]. (a) No person shall act as a third-party loan servicer, directly or indirectly, for a loan to a Rhode Island borrower without first obtaining a license under this chapter from the director or the director's designee.
 - (b) No license shall be required of:
 - (1) A depository institution, or an affiliate or subsidiary of a depository institution, that is controlled by, or under common control with, the depository institution and subject to the regulatory authority of the primary regulator of the depository institution.

- (2) A lender licensed under chapter 14 of title 19 that retains the servicing rights on a loan originally closed in the lender's name and subsequently sold, in whole or in part, to a third party, provided that the provisions of §§ 19-14.11-2 (segregated accounts) and 19-14.11-4 (prohibited acts and practices) of this chapter shall apply to such lender.
- (3) A debt-management company licensed in this state when engaged in activities permitted pursuant to its debt-management license.
- (4) An attorney licensed in this state when collecting a debt on behalf of a client.
- (5) Bona-fide nonprofit, organizations, exempt from taxation under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, that are approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development as housing counseling agencies; that have a physical location in Rhode Island; and that lend state or federal funds.
- 80. From July 1, 2015 to September 28, 2017, Ocwen, acting as third party servicer on behalf of various mortgagees and note holders, including, but not limited to HSBC and Deutsche Bank, caused to be sent to the Representative Plaintiffs and class members Notices of Mortgagee Foreclosure Sale.
- 81. From July 1, 2015 to September 28, 2017, Ocwen, acting as third party mortgage servicer on behalf of various mortgagees and note holders, including, but not limited to HSBC and Deutsche Bank, foreclosed mortgages and sold properties at mortgagee's foreclosure sale of the Representative Plaintiffs and class members.
- 82. From April 20, 2017 through September 28, 2017 Ocwen was Ordered by the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation, Division of Banking to immediately cease and desist from all unlicensed activity in the State of Rhode Island, including without limitation, acting as a third party loan servicer, pursuant to an Emergency Order issued by said regulatory agency.

- 83. The Representative Plaintiffs allege that from July 1, 2015 to September 28, 2017, Ocwen was not a licensed third party servicer in the State of Rhode Island as is required pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1.
- 84. The Representative Plaintiffs allege that any and all servicing activity is in violation of R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1, in violation of the Emergency Order and is void, invalid, and without force and effect.
- 85. On July 12, 2017, Ocwen, while still under the command of the aforenoted Emergency Order⁴, caused a foreclosure deed to be recorded in the City of Pawtucket Clerk's Office Land Evidence Records in Book 4111 at Page 192. Such action is in violation of R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1, in violation of and blatant disregard of the Emergency Order, and is void, invalid, and without force and effect.
- 86. As a result of Ocwen's invalid and void actions in violation of the Emergency Order and R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1, the Representative Plaintiffs and members of the class' mortgage loan accounts were charged fees and costs and expenses for certified mail, advertising costs, legal fees, auctioneer costs and other charges which were reflected in their monthly mortgage statements.
- 87. The Representative Plaintiffs and members of the class have incurred damages in hiring attorneys, in regard to the improper action of Defendants foreclosures and sales while Ocwen was in violation of the Emergency Order and R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1.
- 88. The Representative Plaintiffs and members of the class have suffered harm and are threatened with additional harm from Defendants attempted improper foreclosure and sale, including but not limited to higher principle balances, improper negative reporting to credit

⁴ Ocwen entered into a Consent Order with the R.I. Department of Business Regulation Division of Banking on September 29, 2017, granting them License to act as a third party servicer pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1. (See: Exhibit 1).

bureaus; inappropriate fees and charges assessed to them, including broker price opinion fees, inspection fees, attorney's fees, "process management" fees, late fees and other charges associated with delinquency and default.

- 89. The Defendants foreclosure and sale of their homes as noted herein above, in violation of statute, are the direct cause of the harms alleged herein and not the Representative Plaintiffs and class members failure to make their mortgage payments.
- 90. Therefore, the Representative Plaintiffs and members of the class would not have suffered the foreclosure, sale, or the harms as noted herein were it not for the Defendants improper foreclosure and sale as noted herein.
- 91. The Representative Plaintiffs and members of the class are entitled to a declaratory judgment determining that the foreclosures and mortgagee's foreclosure sales of their properties are in violation of R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1, with certain of them conducted while Ocwen was also under the restrictions and command of the Emergency Order and therefore are ineffective, invalid, without force or effect, and void.

COUNT II BREACH OF CONTRACT AND FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO EXERCISE THE STATUTORY POWER OF SALE

- 92. The Representative Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege every allegation above as if set forth herein in full.
- 93. The Representative Plaintiffs bring these claims on behalf of themselves and all others so similarly situated
- 94. In Rhode Island, the right to exercise the power of sale in a mortgage is derived from the mortgage contract itself.

- 95. In Rhode Island, a contract containing a requirement that any foreclosure and sale be conducted in a manner prescribed by applicable law is construed as a condition precedent, which requires strict compliance.
- 96. The Andrade Mortgage provides that any foreclosure and sale be conducted in a manner prescribed by applicable law at paragraph 21. The Dubois Mortgage provides that any foreclosure and sale be conducted in a manner prescribed by applicable law at paragraph 22. The Representative Plaintiffs allege that all standard mortgage contracts contain this obligation of their lenders.
- 97. In Rhode Island, a mortgagee agreeing to foreclosure and sell in a manner prescribed by applicable law, must do so as agreed.
- 98. In Rhode Island, the power to sell by foreclosure sale is derived from the mortgage and statute, and strict compliance with the requirements of paragraph 21 or 22 of the mortgage is an obligation of the mortgagee. Failing to foreclose and sell in a manner prescribed by applicable law pursuant to paragraph 21 of the mortgage is a breach of contract and renders a foreclosure sale void.
- 99. The Representative Plaintiffs have herein alleged that the foreclosures and sales are in breach of the Andrade and Dubois Mortgages which require that the properties secured thereby be sold in a manner prescribed by applicable law. As all Actions of Ocwen in foreclosing and conducting mortgagee's foreclosure sale are in violation of R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1 and the Emergency Order, Ocwen, Deutsche Bank, and HSBC failed their obligations to the Representative Plaintiffs to ensure that those actions were conducted in a manner prescribed by applicable law thus breaching the Andrade and Dubois Mortgages and failing to first comply with the terms of the mortgage prior to exercising the power of sale.

- 100. As such, the notices, publications, foreclosures and sales are in violation of R.I.G.L. § 19-
- 14.11-1, in violation of the Emergency Order, and in breach of the terms of the Andrade Dubois

Mortgage contracts due to Defendants failure to foreclose and sell in the manner prescribed by

applicable law. Therefore, the foreclosures and sales are void, invalid, and without force or effect.

- 101. The mortgage contract entered into by the Representative Plaintiffs and members of the
- class constitute valid offers.
- 102. Upon the Representative Plaintiffs and members of the class executing those mortgage
- contracts and giving them to their Lenders, their Lenders accepted those offers.
- 103. Alternatively, the Representative Plaintiffs and class members execution of those mortgage

contracts thereby giving security interests in their property to their Lenders constitute offers.

Acceptance of those offers occurred when Defendants accepted payments made by the

Representative Plaintiffs and members of the class pursuant to their mortgage contracts.

- 104. The mortgage contract was supported by consideration. The Representative Plaintiffs and
- class members payments to Defendants constitutes consideration.
- 105. The Representative Plaintiffs and members of the class, and Defendants thereby formed

valid contracts and the Representative Plaintiffs and class members were, are, and remain ready

willing and able to perform under those contracts.

106. Defendants breached the mortgage contracts made with the Representative Plaintiffs and

class members by refusing to honor the terms of those mortgage contracts by failing to abide by

applicable law when foreclosing and conducting mortgagee's foreclosure sales.

107. There was no compliance with the terms of the mortgages to exercise the statutory power

of sale as indicated above.

- 108. No Foreclosure Notice was sent to the Representative Plaintiffs or class members which specifically complied with obligations of the Lender as set forth in said mortgage contracts.
- 109. The Defendants noticed, published, foreclosed and conducted sales of the Representative Plaintiffs and class members property, in violation of R.I.G.L. § 19-14.11-1, in violation of an Emergency Order issued by the R.I. Department of Business Regulation Division of Banking, and in breach of the Representative Plaintiffs and class members mortgages.
- 110. Due to these failures to comply with the terms of those mortgages, no entity was contractually authorized to exercise the statutory power of sale and notice, publish, foreclose and sell at mortgagee's sale the properties of the Representative Plaintiffs and members of the class. These actions constitute a breach of contract, resulting in damages to the Representative Plaintiffs and members of the class.
- 111. As a result of the Defendants improper and invalid exercise of the statutory power of sale and purported foreclosure sales, the Representative Plaintiffs and class members mortgage loan accounts were charged fees and costs and expenses for certified mail, advertising costs, legal fees, auctioneer costs and other charges which were reflected in their monthly mortgage statements.
- 112. The Representative Plaintiffs and class members have incurred damages in hiring attorneys, in regard to the improper actions of Defendants seeking to conduct and/or conducting foreclosures and sales without complying with applicable law.
- 113. The Representative Plaintiffs and class members have also incurred mental and emotional injuries and damages due to the improper forecloses and sales of their properties by Defendants without complying with the terms of their mortgages.
- 114. The Representative Plaintiffs and class members have suffered harm and are threatened with additional harm from Defendants breaches, including but not limited to higher principle

balances, improper negative reporting to credit bureaus; inappropriate fees and charges assessed

to them, including broker price opinion fees, inspection fees, attorney's fees, "process

management" fees, late fees and other charges associated with delinquency and default.

The Defendants breaches of contract and failure to comply with conditions precedent as 115.

noted herein above, are the direct cause of the harms alleged herein and not the Representative

Plaintiffs and class members failure to make their mortgage payments.

Therefore, the Representative Plaintiffs and members of the class would not have suffered 116.

the foreclosures, sales, or the harms as noted herein were it not for the Defendants breaches of the

mortgage contracts as noted herein.

The Representative Plaintiffs and members of the class are entitled to a declaratory 117.

judgment determining that the notices, publications, foreclosures, and mortgagee's foreclosure

sales of their properties are void.

118. The Representatives and members of the class are entitled to injunctive relief preventing

the further conveyance of their properties.

119. The Representative Plaintiffs and members of the class are entitled to cancellation of costs

and fees assessed to them for wrongful foreclosure, together with additional damages.

120. The Representative Plaintiffs and members of the class are entitled to be returned to their

status and circumstances prior to the foreclosures, and sales of their properties, including, but not

limited to, the rescission of foreclosures and sales.

121. The Representative Plaintiffs and members of the class are entitled to actual, monetary,

punitive and exemplary damages, restitution, an accounting, attorneys' fees and costs, equitable

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relief and all other relief as provided by state law.

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Respectfully Submitted, The Representative Plaintiffs, On behalf of themselves and all those So similarly situated, By their Attorney,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on October 5, 2018, a copy of the foregoing document, filed through the CM/ECF System, will be sent electronically to the registered participants as identified on the Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) and paper copies shall be served by first class mail postage prepaid on the parties listed on the NEF as not receiving electronic notice.

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